Writing: a comment

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1 Which sentences belong to a comment, which to a report? Write C or R.

A comment gives a personal opinion with arguments. A report gives facts.

a) In my view, school uniforms are a waste of money. *C*

b) The school introduced uniforms in September 2023. *R*

c) Some people argue that uniforms reduce bullying, but I doubt it. *C*

d) 78 per cent of parents voted for the uniform. *R*

e) To sum up, I believe students should decide for themselves. *C*

2 Put the parts of a comment in order. Write 1 to 5.

Opinion first, then arguments, the other side, conclusion.

a) Counter-argument and why it is weaker *4*

b) Conclusion: opinion restated *5*

c) Introduction: the topic and your opinion *1*

d) First argument with example *2*

e) Second argument with example *3*

3 Improve the arguments: add a reason or an example.

Weak: „Homework is bad." Stronger: „Homework takes up to two hours a day, which leaves no time for sport or friends."

a) Homework is bad.
e.g. Homework often takes two hours a day, so students have no time for sport, hobbies or their families.

b) Social media is dangerous for teenagers.
e.g. On social media, teenagers compare themselves with edited pictures, which can damage their self-confidence.

c) Everybody should learn to cook.
e.g. People who can cook eat more healthily and spend less money than people who buy ready meals every day.

4 Write a comment (120 to 150 words): Should mobile phones be banned at school?

Useful phrases: I strongly believe _____ / One reason is _____ / For example _____ / Admittedly _____ but _____ / All in all …

a) Introduction with your opinion, two arguments with examples, one counter-argument, conclusion
Own text. Check: opinion in the introduction, two arguments with examples, counter-argument with admittedly/however, conclusion, 120 to 150 words.